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SUBJECT: SELECTION OF PRESIDENT OF NPT REVIEW CONFERENCE

1. WE UNDERSTAND THAT LOBBYING FOR CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENT OF NPT REVIEW CONFERENCE (MAY 1975) MAY HAVE BEGUN IN NEW YORK. IT WOULD THEREFORE APPEAR APPROPRIATE FOR US AND OTHER CONCERNED STATES TO MAKE VIEWS KNOWN AT AN EARLY DATE.

2. IT IS OUR CONCLUSION THAT MADAME INGA THORSSON OF SWEDEN WOULD BE A GOOD CHOICE. MADAME THORSSON IS UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AND IS CONFIDENTIAL

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HEAD OF SWEDEN'S DISARMAMENT DELEGATION IN GENEVA. SHE

HAS STATED (NOT IN CONNECTION WITH POSSIBLE CHOICE AS PRESIDENT) THAT SHE EXPECTS TO HEAD SWEDISH DELEGATION TO REVIEW CONFERENCE. IN RESPONSE TO INFORMAL INQUIRY, HER DEPUTY, AMBASSADOR ECKERBERG, HAS STATED THAT HE BELIEVED SHE WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR JOB OF PRESIDENT OF REVIEW CONFERENCE IF CHOSEN. FACT THAT SWEDEN HAS TAKEN ACTIVE PART IN DISARMAMENT AND NON-PROLIFERATION AFFAIRS, PRESERVING INDEPENDENT BUT RESPONSIBLE POINT OF VIEW, INDICATES THAT SWEDISH REPRESENTATIVE WOULD BE GOOD CHOICE. IN ADDITION, MADAME THORSSON'S PARLIAMENTARY EXPERIENCE AND HER PARTICIPATION IN CCD HAVE SHOWN THAT SHE HAS PERSONAL QUALITIES TO BE SOUGHT IN PRESIDING OFFICER.

3. DURING RECENT CONSULTATIONS IN NEW YORK, BOTH BRITISH (ALLAN) AND RUSSIANS (ROSHCHIN) TOLD ACDA DEPUTY DIRECTOR THAT THEY BELIEVED THEIR GOVERNMENTS WOULD SUPPORT CANDIDACY OF MADAME THORSSON. MISSION SHOULD CONFIRM AVAILABILITY MADAME THORSSON AND CONSULT WITH BRITISH AND SOVS AS NPT DEPOSITARIES ON BASIS US GOVERNMENT DECISION TO SUPPORT MADAME THORSSON. MISSION SHOULD THEN PROCEED (PREFERABLY WITH PARALLEL UK AND SOV MOVES) TO CANVASS OTHER MEMBERS OF PREPARATORY COMMITTEE WITH VIEW TOWARDS GAINING MAXIMUM SUPPORT FOR MRS. THORSSON PRIOR TO THIRD PREPCOM MEETING NEXT FEBRUARY, AT WHICH WE ENVISAGE PREPCOM MAKING FIRM RECOMMENDATION ON PRESIDENCY.
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